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Unexpected call offers hope after parents raise £140,000 for US treatment

THEY TO FUND OLIVER'S LIFE-SAVING SURGERY

Eve Antrobus, Reporter

THE parents of a baby boy who needs life-saving surgery are a day closer to discovering if the NHS agreed to fund treatment.

Lynlie and Tim Cameron, from Westgate, have been fundraising since January when their son Oliver was born with a rare brain tumour.

The couple have been tirelessly campaigning to raise £140,000 for the treatment as the US offer being sold by the NHS that the surgery their son needs cannot be carried out in the UK.

But now they have been told by NHS England that offering to fund the life-saving operation could finally be a reality.

Now Lynlie said a breast physician confirmed how much of the total will be covered by the NHS, but experts to meet on an official confirmation in the next few days.

She said the call was "unexpected", after their initial funding application to the NHS was rejected months ago. She added: "Having a newborn baby is hard enough, but having a poorly newborn baby has been really difficult. It has just been 'Yah, yah!'"

After months of online fundraising, meeting not to lose their sanity, and looking anything from a car wash to a village golf tournament, they have managed to raise £140,000.

Lynlie said: "We have reached a point



Lynlie Cameron and baby Oliver whose parents are now waiting to find out how much the NHS will cover towards treatment in British private hospitals or expert professional to help us to get past home as we have been fundraising."

The fragile little boy has had to endure several episodes of apnoea but, when the tumour is irregularly cut can be fixed.

They have spent their time on and out of hospital, hoping that Oliver's heart remains stable.

Previously doctors in Boston advised that to maintain Oliver's ability to recover his parents should ideally wait until his first birthday to

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TV star's really
got his goat!

Countryside Live presenter Adam Brown had a close encounter at Blenheim Palace at the weekend when the popular TV programme took its outdoor extravaganza to Woodstock for the weekend party. See pages 4 & 5 for more

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Regional Weather

THURSDAY Showery and locally heavy rain across Kent and Sussex will be out by early afternoon, with the drier and brighter weather elsewhere again taking its full A. Maximum temperature 20 °C.

OUTLOOK FOR FRIDAY TO SUNDAY Friday morning dry and bright but cloud and patchy rain spreading east in the afternoon. Drier and sunnier during weekend on Saturday. Sunday dry with sunny spells and feeling warmer.

WEEKEND SUMMARY

FRIDAY



DAY 17°C
NIGHT 14°C

SATURDAY



DAY 17°C
NIGHT 11°C

SUNDAY



DAY 19°C
NIGHT 13°C

D-day over future of health services

Sarahella McGeehan, Reporter

THIS medical disaster on the future of healthcare in Dorset has now been made today following the 12 week consultation period to the year.

The King Health and Care Foundation asked patients, the public and NHS staff to consider proposals for hospital beds and similar services across the county and for nationally services of health services (NHS).

The Dorset Health Clinical Commissioning Group is looking at the city to decide on final proposals from the first phase of the Dorset Health Trust for the future of the Trust.

The results of the consultation were released in June and showed that while some of the proposals were supported, the majority were not. The proposals for the future of the Trust were rejected.

Commissioners have been fighting against the move and have been told that the proposals for the future of the Trust are not in line with the NHS's vision for the future of the Trust.

Healthcare MP Victoria Starmer has been spearheading the campaign against the change and has been a key figure in the campaign. She has been a key figure in the campaign.

She said: "I have made clear, it is clear that the consultation was flawed. While others have been asked to look further evidence to support the proposal."

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Doctor admits failings in care



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See and Patrick with well-wishers and staff outside the Cancer Research UK shop in Watlington

Cycling couple out to beat cancer sooner on charity ride around UK

A COMMUTE thought together through tragedy has set off on an 88-day cycle ride to help beat cancer sooner.

See Thomson, 40, and Patrick McKeown, 42, set off from the Cancer Research UK shop in Watlington last week, dressed as jet-setters.

See, from Cheltenham, and Patrick, and her husband decided to take on the challenge after both losing their partners to cancer.

The dedicated duo have now embarked on their latest fundraising, where they will cycle around the country visiting 100 Cancer Research UK sites.

The route will take See and Patrick across the country visiting charity shops and research centres,

including Watlington, before returning to the Oxford Research Centre on August 10.

Speaking of the challenge, See said: "Not everyone can cycle 88 miles each day, but everyone can help."

See, an award-winning landscape designer, and Patrick, who died of prostate cancer aged 39 in 1999.

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Patrick, who celebrates his 42nd birthday while on the ride, added: "We are both looking across the landscape but a lot of heart work has already gone in to this and with the support of everyone we are ready to go."

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Funding for life-saving op

From front page

January last, it has resulted in a decision, it may require the operation immediately.

An NHS England spokesman said: "The application identified there is not currently a surgical service in the UK with experience of treating this complexity of new tumours and we have therefore agreed to fund Oliver a treatment abroad."

"We hope this determined that a clinical policy is required for a surgical service and will explore whether a

service in the UK is appropriate considering the small number of patients."

They added that the number of patients with the extremely rare condition called cardiac fibroma is estimated to be in single figures nationally.

They also said there are discussions on whether the UK surgery might be funded by Oliver to benefit from the success in the US so that this type of rare condition could potentially be offered in the UK in future.

Sex assault on woman cyclist

A 30-YEAR-OLD woman was assaulted on a cycle path in Goring.

Police are appealing for witnesses following the sexual assault that took place on Saturday.

The woman was cycling along a path between Goringdon Road and Locksley Way, opposite a housing field in about 10 miles.

She was approached by a group of five males, who were all aged between 18 and 20.

One of the group approached the victim and sexually assaulted her by touching her inappropriately.

The assault took place, again between 18 and 20, about 10 miles from Goring.

The woman was cycling along a path between Goringdon Road and Locksley Way, opposite a housing field in about 10 miles.

Investigating officer Sergeant Mark Skelton said: "We believe

this to have been an isolated incident carried out by an opportunistic offender."

Call police on 011 939 4444.

ATM stolen from store

THREE new stolen ATM machines from a shop in Watlington.

Police are appealing for witnesses following the burglary on Friday at around 8pm.

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Uni treasurer arrested over man's murder in US

George Hirsch, reporter

AN OXFORD university employee suspected of killing a Chicago man's driver will face court in the coming days after spending a week on the run.

Police started a manhunt for Samuelville College nurse treasurer Andrew Warren following the death of the year-old Christine Davis last week in Chicago on July 19.

According to the Chicago Tribune, he is being held at the county jail in San Francisco and is expected to appear in court and be extradited after being held in the UK.

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Andrew Warren has been arrested after killing a man in the US

According to the publication on Tuesday, Warren was killed in the US and his death, Warren, was not yet in the US.

to have his right to an extradition hearing and that he expects his to be returned to Chicago after the trial.

Warren, 40, was arrested in the US and is expected to be extradited to the UK.

Police believe the pair had a relationship with the victim, who lived in Chicago and was killed with multiple stab wounds in a 100-hour apartment near the city centre at around 8pm.

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NEWS



Car damaged by fallen tree

A BULBOWO and a car were damaged when a tree fell onto them.

Two fire engines from Oxford and a specialist rescue unit from Kidlington attended the incident in Cowley Drive, Oxford, on August 3 and found a large tree had fallen onto the roof of a two-storey block of flats.

The tree in the garden of the flats had fallen over and landed into the

roof of the building at one end of the block, with part of the tree landing on a car.

Fire crews attended the neighbouring maisonettes and searched for anyone who may have been in the damaged part of the building.

The tree has been removed and the structure of the building was checked before residents were allowed to return to their homes.

Women arrested over stabbing

TWO women have been arrested as part of an investigation into the stabbing of a man in Blackbird Leys.

A 39-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm and has been released pending prosecution.

A 36-year-old woman from Oxford was arrested on Wednesday August 2 on suspicion of conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm and has been released under investigation.

The victim, a 31-year-old man, was taken to hospital in a serious condition, but has now been discharged.

Officers were called by the alarm service following reports that a man had been stabbed in Grosvenor Road in Blackbird Leys on Monday July 10 in a 10p.

Police identified the man as the victim of a violent assault on a Sunday night, but believed to be unrelated to a number of offences.



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Orchard Centre grows as retailers take shape

By Andrew Reporter

THE Orchard Centre expansion of the Orchard Centre has progressed to the next stage.

Following the closure of High Street, the next phase will allow construction of the new public square and surrounding restaurants to begin.

In addition, there are two wide, level areas of our parking that are now available and can be used for open and further 24-hour events. A small 100 parking spaces will be available in the Orchard Centre when expansion work is complete. Names already signed up for the 2000sqm extension include M&S Food Hall, B&B, Kater Island and TK Maxx, as well as Costa Coffee and Starbucks.

Thomas Cooks, development manager at developer Remcon, confirmed the next stage are being put in place.

He said: "Work is now well under way and on schedule, with the development already taking shape as new construction including the shopfronts and food hall building are well under way. "There will be a parking area for

From the new phase of the Orchard Centre will link High Street to the new public square and surrounding restaurants to begin.



and we are pleased that these new spaces are becoming available and that we continue to offer the parking, for up to two years.

"We are pleased to see many of the Orchard Centre for their customers while construction work continues."

Councillor John Colton, leader of South Oxfordshire district council, said: "Local residents, shoppers, and visitors will be aware of the closure of many parking spaces at around the temporary car parks in High Street and Broadway to make way for the second phase of the Orchard Centre. "We know that any loss of parking spaces has an impact and we have

worked closely with Remcon on the issue.

"We are very pleased these extra spaces are becoming available at an early stage in the development."

The expansion of the shopping centre is part of the proposed Oxford Gateway plan, which will build the city's new shopping and leisure hub and create a new gateway to the city.

In preparation for the closure of High Street, bus services will be moved along Station Road, which was previously a one-way street. The shops, restaurants and cafes are expected to open in spring 2018.



Producers John Crowen and Ellen Henderson (seated at front) and John Crowen, Chris Latta Smith, Tom Hagg, Anna Rani and Matt Baker



MORE than 125,000 country pride lovers descended on Blandford Palace for BBC Countryfile Live. The popular outdoor event returned from its hiatus for a second helping of countryside fun after the success of the inaugural event last year.

The producers of Countryfile Live, including Matt Baker, Anna Rani and Ellen Henderson, waste their time to the picturesque grounds to bring their popular programme to a live audience.

Visitors had the chance to get up close and personal with Matt Baker and his Poni, as well as other Countryfile stars John Crowen and Anna Rani. Building new into displays included live music, hands-on activities, animal displays, debates, local crafts and shopping from over 200 independent retailers and locally sourced food.

It is Blandford, managing director of show organisers S&P London said. "The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly

which is testament to the fact we are a nation's love for the BBC Countryfile programme. Our aim with Countryfile Live is to create a unique outdoor experience and make country life a great day out, which we felt this event delivered."

"We were also particularly pleased with our staff's management plan and have received numerous positive comments from local residents."

"We've already started working on next year's show which will run from August 7 to 9, 2016."

Care is good but at a price

If you want quality care in Oxfordshire, you need to pay for it. A study published by a local authority has revealed the true cost of residential care.

The report, published by the Oxfordshire Local Authority, revealed that the average cost of residential care is £1,100 per week, or £4,620 per month.

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"We're not saying that other people and those with their own families in Oxfordshire receive better services than those provided by the council," said the report. "It's just that the cost of care is so high that it's not possible to provide the same level of care as those who can pay for it."

"We can now say with certainty that while it is not possible to provide the same level of care as those who can pay for it, it is possible to provide a better service than those who can pay for it."

Woman killed in road accident

A 21-year-old woman has been killed in a road accident in Oxfordshire. The woman was driving a car when it collided with a lorry.

The driver was not injured. The accident occurred on the A41 near to the junction of the A41 and the A41.

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Patients moved 'smoothly' to new wards after fire risk

OXON Staff have been busy helping to move more than 30 patients to new wards at the hospital. The move was completed on Friday.

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See what performers can do at this new park
 Picture: John Pearson

Head over heels at skate park opening

By Andrew Reporter

DOUGLAS' (DASH) skate park is finally ready to welcome B&B bikers, skateboarders and roller-skaters after a six-year wait. The opening by Mayor Keith Kuttan was greeted with excitement on Wednesday last week. The history of Douglas recreation ground off Kings Road, replaces the old skate park that was built in 1981.

Council councillor for Douglas, Martin Greenfield, said "It is absolute magic. We are all really excited with the park, it is fantastic."

He added: "We have been working on this for several years now and there were obstacles at the way but we always wanted that as there was a strong need for a new spot that the young people in Douglas wanted. I have been there a couple of times now and it is a hell of a great place."

Construction work began in March, after a long campaign led

by the Douglas Skatepark Initiative. Colin Kettlewell, chairman of the initiative, said: "Years of hard work, determination, fundraising by all sections of the community and unwavering belief have led to this fabulous new facility now being open. It has been a journey worth starting by all involved."

"It is a fantastic feeling to create something as life this will be around longer than I am."

"Douglas is an affluent community and our young people often need access to free sporting facilities. The aim of the skatepark is to encourage active and healthy lifestyles, with a focus on youth development, capacity aimed not on self respect."

On Sunday, Douglas Mayor Keith Kuttan invited "Be in good luck I over top getting emotional about this!" He said "It is Douglas Skatepark. Colin Kettlewell is particular."

"The skate park was paid for by a £200,000 grant from South Gloucestershire District Council, £25,000 from both the town council

and St. Peter's, England and £25,000 from the Gloucestershire Youth Association plus a £60,000 by the initiative."

An anonymous supporter named another £20,000 as the work could be done and the initiative is now raising the money to repay the loan."

Mr Kettlewell added: "The facility has been funded by grant money, but the £150,000 needs to be repaid to complete the funding."

Since the opening of the opening of the park, people from Douglas back to school needs to support their children."

Tom Matherford posted: "This is an awesome state all in everyone involved in making it happen. Can't wait to use it."

Gillie Wood posted: "Big up all the Douglas skaters who kept the ball."

The new concrete skatepark caters to all ages and abilities.

A relaxation lounge will be held next month. If you would like to make a donation, email info@b&b skatepark.org.



Mayor Keith Kuttan with friends and riders at the opening of the skate park
 Picture: @douglasgovt

Mum's disgust for apology over use of Jayden picture

George Walsh, Reporter

FILE member of a Detroit teenager murdered in 2012 says she is "disgusted" by an apology issued by a national newspaper after she was wrongly identified.

Wash. Online: The Daily Wash's website has apologized after using a picture of Jaylen Perkins as a model of people thought to be smoking in the Manchester Arena bombing on May 22.

Twenty-five people were killed and 200 injured in a suicide attack at an Arizona Graceland concert as the venue marks three years after the worst ever.

A "viral" social media post of missing people which included the name of 47-year-old Jaylen, was published by Hadi Dohare the following day. Jaylen was strangled by her ex-boyfriend Ross Blakley in a prison cell in 2016.

After filing a formal complaint, Jayden's mother Samantha Snowsbery received a letter with an apology and a \$100 donation to a charity she chose from her wallet—but she says



"I am not surprised, at least looking to you, one way or the other."

Many more people from all over the world have been in touch with her since, to express their sympathy.

Several wreaths commemorating the Manchester attack have been ordered as tokens.

In a letter to Mr Skirrow, she writes:

She added, "The image montage was created by a sexual predator and had gone viral by the time we published it."

"As soon as we understood the photo to be a fake, we removed it from our website and internal systems."

Ms. Snowberry, who is on Twitter, says she is providing comfort for women who have suffered domestic abuse and is a source of tweets. "I know

if you who know about Monochrome
bookings a my child's picture been
used in it's taken I wonder to receive
a letter of apology, lol

"The donations are going straight to the American people."

His Silverthorn species is now in garden at Dulock & Finkell Road & April 1911 on memory of Jayden.

Appeal after biker injured

A MOTORCYCLIST was left with serious injuries after colliding with a car in Telford.

Emergency services were called to the two-vehicle collision on Broadway near the junction of High Street at around 11pm on July 20.

The motorcycle, a 14-year-old unit, was taken by ambulances to the John Radcliffe Hospital in a serious condition.

The occupants of the Minnie were not injured.

Thomas Valley Police launches a criminal appeal after the incident. Contact police at 811 quoting reference 1121347, with any info useful.

Teen arrested OVER AFRICAN

A TEENAGER has been arrested following a suspected arson attack in Burnley.

A 14-year-old boy from Vacaville has been arrested on suspicion of arson and released under arrest.

Contact Sergeant Kerry O'Leary from the Riverside Neighbourhood Policing Team on 012, quoting incident reference: 06/04/0711 with any information.

Two rescued after car ends up in ditch

FLOROVICH accused two women from an out-of-control car that had crashed into a deep ditch near Kelling Inn.

The car turned off the road near the village of Knapton, Fyfe, and was resting in a precarious position when the emergency services turned up.

Fire crews from Killybeg and Newry Road used specialist equipment to stop the car from rolling further while paramedics treated the women from the back of the car.

One woman had scars on her shoulder while the other was rescued weeks following the crash which happened shortly before 11pm on August 2.

after the crash. "The location of the vehicle meant screening the scene was very tricky."

Fortunately it appears that the new posts were wearing their seatbelts, or, even as their squares could have been the



"I would also like to take this opportunity to remind people of the dangers posed by wet roads.

"Roads, especially in more rural areas, can become slippery when wet making driving conditions much less safe."

Witnesses sought after father assaulted on train

The victim, a 34-year-old man, was

As the family moved through the carriages a man stood in the passageway and blocked their way.

The woman asked him to move several times but the man only moved slightly. The family were able to separate just like man before he then came to them. An argument erupted between the dad and the offender who threatened him as the client, grabbed his shoe and scratched him. The victim sustained minor injuries to his face.

The train was busy so it is likely the student was with other passengers.

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City council to continue replacement work Tower block cladding fails new safety tests

By Adam Smith, Reporter

WOLC is to continue the cladding work on Oxford's high-rise towers will not take place until it failed a second round of fire resistance tests.

Oxford City Council has confirmed that it will proceed with the replacement of the thermal screen ACM cladding on Kinsale and Watkiss Towers, following the outcome of the fire resistance tests.

The results of the tests have led the government to require the cladding to be replaced in part over two weeks ago that suggested ACM cladding could be safe if it had been installed as part of the original system.

However, due to the high level of demand across the country, the work to replace the material on the 13-storey buildings are expected to take around six months to complete.

Conservative MP John Grieve, leader of the city council, said: "From the outset we have put the safety of our tower block residents first - we will not compromise on safety standards."

After the Grenfell Tower fire disaster in London, where at least 40 people were killed, the council has



Cladding work is continuing at Kinsale, above, and Watkiss

the 13-storey building, Oxford City Council carried out work to the cladding of its high-rise buildings, which subsequently passed a statement to reassure residents the cladding was

fire resistant.

City of Oxford said: "Despite our best efforts, guidance from Government which resulted in a decision to carry out this second round of tests, we are not convinced that the necessary preparations for the safety review and replacement of the cladding on Kinsale and Watkiss Towers."

"In parallel we have been doing and will continue to progress the work as quickly as possible, while continuing to maintain the integrity of the system."

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service says that the fire safety system at the two towers, which include escalators and lift and smoke alarms that are linked to emergency response, across the buildings remain safe for residents while the work proceeds.

Chief fire officer Simon Pugh said: "I would like to reassure the residents I previously gave to residents of Oxford's high-rise towers that Oxford City Council has taken all the necessary fire safety measures to ensure they are safe in their homes while it undertakes the cladding replacement."

Kinsale and Watkiss residents have been updated on the latest test results and the progress of work.



A firefighter examines the damage to the house on Kinsale Way

Family and dog flee severe fire

A FIVE-year-old boy and his dog escaped a 'very severe' fire that tore through the ground floor of their family home.

Fire engines from Banbury, Hillingdon, Woodstock, Didcot, and Abingdon attended the blaze in Kinsale Way shortly before 1pm last Thursday.

Two young girls at the house at the time escaped the flames when they saw smoke coming from the study room and the family's emergency exit.

The fire service said the blaze spread quickly from the study room to the kitchen and caused extensive

fire and smoke damage throughout the ground floor.

Oxford City Council's estates manager Andy Ford said: "The fire was very severe and spread rapidly into the kitchen. It was fortunate that the occupants got out."

Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus entered the house and extinguished the fire before work taking the smoke out of the house.

There were no reported injuries and the Oxford South Oxon Emergency Response Service reported the loss following the incident.



Firefighters past and present at the unveiling ceremony conducted by assistant chief fire officer Graham Mitchell, below left, and former sub officer Patrick Evans, right

Roll of honour salutes crews

PLANNED at a ceremony this morning, a roll of honour listing the names of every officer who has served at the station since 1934.

After some months of intensive research, the board was awarded by Oxfordshire's assistant chief fire officer Graham Mitchell and former sub officer Patrick Evans as being at least 100 years old.

Mr Evans, who served from 1961 until 1988, said: "It was a great honour to be asked to take part in this ceremony."

The ceremony was followed by a cup lunch and get together and the roll was read by The Rev. Canon Pugh's Church with a raffle and



downsides from the project. The event was hosted by the club of friends and family of the club. The club's understanding of the club

and the club's crew. The board currently lists the firefighters and has special sections of future fire fighters.

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The roadworks being carried out along The Stale

Access to Headington closer

CONSTRUCTION work of The Stale for the £11-million access to Headington 'target is progressing'.

Last week, the town at Oxfordshire County Council started work because Councils Board and the area residents of Headington for phase three of the project.

In the meantime, phase two between Post, News and Customers Road is being finished, with the construction of a new cycle-way separate from the footway and the road.

The pedestrian crossing at Stone Road was closed and a temporary crossing was installed to accommodate work in a new crossing which, once complete, will mark the completion of phase two.

The side of The Stale where the work is currently happening is closed and will be completely closed next month. After this, the road will be closed to begin work on the Road Phase one of the road.

The overall project aims to improve facilities for pedestrians, public transport and cyclists and will include practical approaches to cycling for the first time in the area.

Access to Headington is a 10-month programme of work that began in October 2016 and was planned out in four smaller stages to cause little disruption to the public.

Drivers for delivery phases will be closed road access the same.

'Ello, 'ello, 'ello, what's all this?

Adam Fines, Reporter

MORE than 1,000 people took the opportunity to learn more about their police force on Saturday.

Thames Valley Police headquarters stood open day at the force training centre in Uxbridge, Berkshire, with a wide variety of activities and displays taking place.

Among the most popular were displays from the dog unit, mounted police and public order team, who carried out demonstrations of their work.

The record-breaking number of visitors were also given the chance to become a detective for the day, analysing fingerprints and pieces of evidence to uncover the true story of the murder of the missing boy.

And youngsters were encouraged to dress up in police costumes for a fancy dress parade - won by seven-year-old Bella Brown and her brother Noah, five.

Deputy chief constable John Campbell said: "It was fantastic to see a record number of residents from across the Thames Valley in our open day."

"The event was invaluable in helping us to establish a good working relationship with the community."

of people and the national way.

"It's about making sure which helps to build down any potential barriers and make Thames Valley Police accessible to the general public as possible."

Other activities included a series of thought-provoking talks from expert speakers such as armed policing, organisational and digital security.

A range of modern and vintage police vehicles were also on display alongside more than 100 other exhibits.

This year's open day raised money for RARE, a charity which helps young people who have been affected by crime in the Thames Valley.



Here, the public order team stage a demonstration, right, a display from the mounted section and below, make sure you don't get on the wrong side of the law



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Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.

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"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for their services."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £15,750, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandfather sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grand-father had left many assets and left everything to me."

"When the need arose in the last six years of his life, because my grandfather had left everything to me, the house and all the assets he owned in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"Just as he died, he had gone down to that lower limit of £15,750 and that's all his children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being taken like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children, even if it won't take into account their needs leaving. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to use your 'de facto' dependent' yourself or an asset by giving property away, going back over your period of time."

"Worried people think that if the gift is made more than seven years before the house is sold, then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to inheritance. This and our Local Authority case."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house to me as his children, stating that they couldn't have it while he lived, my grandmother would still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandfather had left his half of the house to me as his children, then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her last life the would only have been assets based on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

"Why should he have to contribute his half when he can't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, then it is too late for example, then a trustee for example, then it is too late to be in a position to do the legal and financial and legal steps of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being so high."

"Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn that many usually create a Will and make the usual next to me to make it, ahead of their own children. Protecting your half of the house in this way, he explains, means that your children's inheritance will be the whole estate."

"What my grandmother inherited after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed straight away to the family," says Paul.

Limiting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive."

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Limiting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Limiting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport, a document that's required now and then, which can be replaced if needed in the emergency should the need arise."

"It allows the attorney, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorney, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Limiting Power of Attorney document."

"Having a Limiting Power of Attorney someone else, besides a child, should ill health happen faster than the light."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and control on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Limiting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through age, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and create any future wishes from the family."

"Once again, ill adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

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"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."



Paul King, Head of April King Legal

"The Limiting Power of Attorney must be placed with you the person you wish to control it."

"Once it's organized, you don't have to worry if you don't develop some debilitating illness. A house has been removed from the family of an elderly difficult case."

Blindfold Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made a Will. "Many Wills" with other facts before approaching the firm. A witness will be when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these old Wills have a lot to change."

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and the children or just into my wife after my death, then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to object. If not, of my estate share of my children."

"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a mortgage would secure the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband co-owner."

"Once again, ill adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

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"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."

"The often comes as a big shock to my clients who had previously thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would see their assets."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will see any benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should be having everything to their husband or wife and that one or two or daughter-in-law should then, sorry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

"Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."

"You experienced this in your own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences on board of someone who has."

"Modern Trust Wills give greater protection to your children."

"These types of Wills not only give your children complete control and access to the inheritance they receive, but they also grant added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life."

"The wedding is over. My wife states that my money left over on their death must pass to my children born of them – your grandchildren."

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Foodies paradise as yet more names go on Westgate menu

By Antonia Hopper

New retailers also added to shopping centre

WEST Oxford's new and old foodie destinations have been confirmed as part of Oxford's vision for a world-class destination shopping destination.

Westgate Oxford announced new openings for the retail expansion, set to open its doors on October 14.

The new names include Sainsbury's, Grand Café Cinema, Nolla Boutique Bar, Krugger Estate Design, Food, built by Food, Copen & Moss and The Little Lab.

Others announced just last week include boutique retail chain Dorian, Clemen and restaurants, Fox Patis, Pigeons, Sherry, Darty, Buns and

The Breakfast Club

With just over two months to go until opening, the Westgate alliance has attracted retailers such as Sainsbury's and Debenhams are also set to open their doors.

The leaders of Oxford City Council, Nick Price, has hailed the opening of Westgate as a "turning point for the city and for the wider region."

He said: "The centre will offer an amazing range of high-quality shops, facilities and new restaurants and street food stalls, a superb food scene and exceptional services for the city and the surrounding countryside. It's a

Service area

James Moss, research portfolio manager at London, working alongside the new Westgate Alliance to the vision said: "Demand for both the retail and leisure offer at Westgate Oxford has been fantastic."

"From having drinks with friends over the city's famous squares, to playing mini golf with the family or browsing the latest fashion and footwear, Westgate Oxford will offer something for everyone to enjoy the perfect day out."

Nick Price said: "We will be able to offer a wide range of services and leisure experiences which will be offered by a variety of

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businesses. It will be a great day out for the whole family. We will be able to offer a wide range of services and leisure experiences which will be offered by a variety of

Have your say on how to stub out smoking

WITH over a million people in Oxfordshire having quit, people are being asked to have their say on the future of services to help smokers quit.

The county council's public health team is planning what stop smoking services could look like from 2018 and are looking out to smokers to help them quit. The team has launched a consultation and is looking for views on what they want to see.

Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for public health and education, Andy Burt, said: "We're asking people for their views on what works best, how we can improve what's out there to help people quit."

Smoking rates in Oxfordshire are currently lower than the national average, but it is thought around 10,000 people are still smokers.

Across the UK, smoking remains the main cause of preventable death. Cllr Burt said: "There still remains a significant number of people who are still smoking."

He said: "We want to make sure that people have the right support to quit. We want to make sure that people have the right support to quit."

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Wipe out blockages by recycling cooking oil

WEST Oxfordshire residents are being urged to recycle their cooking oil so the district council can help the local environment.

Thomas Fawcett, Oxfordshire Council's cabinet member for the environment, said: "We are now looking for residents to help tackle the problem."

The county council said its engineers have to clear it out from sewer blockages. The council is now looking for residents to help tackle the problem.

Cllr Fawcett said: "We are now looking for residents to help tackle the problem. The council is now looking for residents to help tackle the problem."



recycled and put to use as a fuel or as a base for cooking oil.

Waste cooking oil is regularly collected from restaurants and food businesses across the UK. The council is now looking for residents to help tackle the problem.

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A small oil spill

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Join charity's riverside stomp

DISCOTE and Douglas House are inviting people to take part in this year's riverside stomp for charity.

People who are interested in taking part in the annual event in September 2017 can choose to walk along the Doune from Wallingford for 10 miles, or take the more mile made from Abingdon to Dorchester Bridge, Oxford.

The first route starts at Thames station via Hough Bottom, Stallingford, Dorchester, Stilton, Gifford and Easington.

Participants will go to Hough Bottom, Stallingford, the children's and young adults' hospice.

The entry fee is £25 for adults and £15 for children including a refreshment menu, a hot meal at the end of the day and a medal.

To sign up visit discote.org.uk or email info@discote.org.uk or before September 15.

Club's lifesaver

A NEW defibrillator has been installed on the outside wall of the clubhouse at Banister Rugby Club, Oxfordshire.

It has been paid for by donations from friends of the club. At Table 8 it's Banister Sports Association and Banburyham FC.

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We did it! LVS pupils celebrate

CAFÉ success is always something to celebrate and this group of students' efforts were no exception after passing a range of ETECs.

Senior students from LVS Oxford in Baginbroke received 38 qualifications across six subjects, giving some students a stepping stone towards offering a range of GCSEs or Level 2 ETECs.

LVS Oxford will be opening in September 2018, offering an ETEC qualification for young people with a diagnosis on the autism spectrum.

The options include vocational studies, level based studies, Art, Design, Music, English, Sport & Leisure, Health and Social Care and Business Administration.

Head of School at LVS Oxford Laura Alison-Ringer said: "LVS Oxford gives students with autism the skills they need to live independently as adults. We achieve this through a broad range of vocational options, and are delighted that our learners have done well and thrived during their ETEC course."

"Our educational commitment to work experience - allowing them to gain experience in careers they are interested in and develop

their CVs - and giving their confidence in starting work-based situations, all really are to ensure our learners go on to have bright futures."

A number of students have completed their studies with work experience placements, such as Science and Art taking on an assistant learning roles at Banbury Palace and Serengeti at a gym. Later in August LVS Oxford will receive its annual GCSE results.



Students jump for joy at their ETEC results.



Could you show others the way to get healthy?

Volunteers needed for walking, jogging and running

Susantha McGeehan, Reporter

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to lead walking and running sessions on three new health routes being created in Banbury.

The first route, a new five-kilometre route, follows the river and runs, was marked out in the town of Banbury in May.

Work on two further five-kilometre routes in rural Banbury, from Sturminster Lane to just north of the railway line, and another in west Banbury, to include the park, is under way.

The routes have been marked out to give Banbury residents a new means of staying active and tackling obesity. Figures from the Oxfordshire Sport & Physical Activity Strategy, the main sport partnership for Dorset, show 10 per cent of people are inactive and 14 per cent struggle due to get much exercise.

The health routes, funded by NHS England, are part of the Banbury Healthy New Year Programme.

The programme is supported by Banbury District Council, Oxfordshire Council, Banbury Community Group, Oxford Area Health Network, Banbury and All Dorset Health Group.

The new routes should be completed by the end of the summer and linked back



The route around Banbury village, marked out in May.

are available support and supervision.

Cliff Barry Wood, leader of Banbury District Council, said: "Volunteer leads can help people in their community to get active and healthy, providing vital support that they otherwise might not get. As well as ensuring a walk and jog are friendly safe and well run, lead volunteers also help people that regular exercise really can make a difference in their lives."

"What's more, we believe that doing something for others helps people feel more positive. Therefore I would urge as many people as possible to apply to

become walking or running leaders."

No qualifications or experience is needed as training will be provided, but volunteers will receive a small amount of money a week.

Volunteers will also need to attend an on-day session with experts from the council and local sports clubs to learn how to prepare and lead a walking or jogging session. Following the NHS Chair of Life programme.

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Spring

Now's the perfect time to replace your garden fence once and for all. Anna Ryder Richardson - Designer and Television Presenter - takes a closer look at Colourfence, the revolutionary low-maintenance system.

If I have one power wish? I'm hoping for more "yeshiva" living spaces in the MDC and along the Third Avenue. Recently I saw many "yeshiva south" and then "yeshiva north area" and I took up the challenge of moving my own Wildlife Zoo on Tuesday. In the home I occupied space for about 10 years and having considered the various options for my own health I thought I would show my knowledge with a social gathering.

There have in fact been a number of arrays of financing products for you to choose from, available either in a variety of currencies (which has in some instances, unfortunately, led to some often severe stress to a number of parastatal institutions). For one thing, there are some types that stand out as providing the best business returns: private and increasingly, publicly marketed financing products for good (often in local-EU currencies). Furthermore, the quality of rates, liquidity, maturity, design, the financing requirements, etc., have been excellent. However, made for

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NEWS

Zoologists scheme to save lions in the wild

By Antonia Jones, Reporter

THE Premier League and other organisations are working together to help protect the world's last lions in the wild.

Zoologists at Oxford University's wildlife conservation research centre have published a report which says that the lion is the most endangered of all the big cats in the world.

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"Lions are the most popular of all the big cats in the world and as a result one of the most endangered. The Premier League and other organisations are working together to help protect the world's last lions in the wild.

"There are only about 30 lions left in the wild. They are found in a few small areas in Africa. The Premier League and other organisations are working together to help protect the world's last lions in the wild.

Professor David Shepherd, Director of the Oxford University Wildlife Conservation Research Centre, says: "The lion is the most endangered of all the big cats in the world. It is the most endangered of all the big cats in the world. It is the most endangered of all the big cats in the world.



Changing area makes waves

SHOPS in the new shopping area in the centre of the town are expected to be completed by the end of the year. The new shopping area is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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Enjoy eye-opening experience at summer fiesta

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Green and pleasant no longer if housing built

Eric Astor-Holmes, Reporter

UP TO 140 houses could be built near the village and town centre, but the already stretched infrastructure and loss of community.

While councillors agree there is a need for more housing, they have criticised the strategic roads and number of residential projects.

The outline, proposed in a report at Redley Council, which includes 20 per cent affordable housing in the north-west of the village, were submitted last week.

Redley parish councillor Lynsley Phipps-Crowley said that about 140 houses will only lead to more roads, the proper infrastructure in place.

She said: "We shall find it impossible for the additional population to be accommodated at the current rate of development. The local highways and A&RE are already stretched to breaking."

She added: "It is not just 140 houses, it is the need for the infrastructure that will follow in short order without proper infrastructure being in place."

"More and more houses are being built, but only local infrastructure is being built and the Government has only agreed part funding for an interchange at Lodge Hill - which doesn't help the

situation where the A34 is already at capacity."

"We shall also have the unrelenting development at Green leading into Oxted, and Dulles Road is congested for further development."

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that there is the possibility for future developments to be made should circumstances change.

"The proposed development at Redley also includes a number of linked green spaces including new pedestrian and cycling routes."

"There are within walking distance for the existing residents, which will also allow the community to come together from across the village. New access points have also been planned for pedestrians at Red Church Road and Whites Lane."

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Degus settling into life in new home

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Collette member for parks and grounds maintenance Councilor Charlotte Dickson and park team leader Richard Ballantyne display the flag with Salford staff responsible for the Abbey Grounds - Jean Dewry, Alex Neal, Jason Webb and Sue Williams.

Flying the flag for green gardens

ABBEY Gardens have been awarded the Green Flag Award for the second year in a row.

The site in Alton Park, just a short walk from the River Thames, has been recognised by the Green Flag award scheme.

The award is a high environmental standard, and visitor facilities.

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Swift solution planned to halt city's decline of bird numbers

The swift tower planned for Oxford University Parks as designed by Jonathan Wheeler



George Walsh, Reporter

A NEW design for a purpose-built swift tower at Oxford has been awarded in a bid to halt the bird's decline.

The new tower for the birds is being planned by Oxford University at the University Parks.

A public vote to find a design for a new swift tower near the Lower Radley area has been awarded Jonathan Wheeler as the winner of the swift tower competition.

Swift towers are free-standing structures with thousands of nests to house their nests in.

An estimated 100,000 pairs of swifts are being lost, the RSPB, which runs the competition, said it is important to replace them and help stop the decline of swifts.

Delighted winner Mr Wheeler said, "I tried to convey the meaning, curving shape of swifts in my design and hope it will be a pleasing, lightweight form in the park as well as a safe haven for swifts in the city."

"I will be excited to see my swift tower become a life at Oxford and I hope birds and wildlife enjoy living there as much as I enjoyed designing it."

A panel of judges selected a short list from the entries received and the public was asked to vote their winner for the design they would most like to see built at Oxford University Parks.

This competition is part of the RSPB's Oxford Swift City, a two-year project to improve the habitat for swifts in Oxford.

Project officer Lucy Hyde said Mr Wheeler's design to help Oxford's swifts would double up as "an incredible piece of public art".

She added: "The new bird sculpture was chosen by the public, who have now endorsed the Oxford Swift City project and everything we're trying to do today these incredible buildings there in our city."

As well as the winner design, submitted by Thomas Thorne and David Gledhill, both from Oxford, were also included for public sharing.

All entries to the competition will be on display at a public exhibition at The Gallery at Oxford Town Hall from November 15 to January 15.

James Waters, head of commercial sustainability at Oxford University said: "It will be wonderful to see a swift tower at the University Parks. We are very excited to be involved with this great project to make Oxford a swift city."



Illustration

A splash-tastic day out

By Josh Cox

A short dip down River Isis, Berrisdale will find you in a beautiful blue lake nestled among Oxfordshire's lush green and wooded attractions. Oxford Aquatic Park.

The Park contains everything you can dream of: from giant slipper slides and wavy trampolines to a bubble machine and climbing walls.

Amongst the slides you will find children and adults alike getting wrapped up in the Park's fun challenges and dizzy mayhems.

It's a wonder, as everyone knows, hot and cold, however, hot body workouts can be blood, keeping you remarkably warm in all weather conditions.

If you fancy keeping dry while your little ones let all their steam, then you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and relax whilst listening to the radio, which ever looks the like.

The facilities are remarkably dry, very clean and easy to access.

Parents and guardians need not worry that your loved ones will be in a safe environment as the Aquatic Park has a staff team fully trained and professional in the field of water safety. The safety standards are extreme and easy to understand, allowing everyone to have the absolute most of their

throughout the season.

Oxford Aquatic Park is open seven days a week, with free parking on site and a bubble machine made this wet and wild activity makes a perfect day out for anyone aged six and over. Bookings in advance is strongly advised due to the Park's popularity in the summer call 01753 517014 or visit oxfordaquaticpark.co.uk

Champion swimmer teaches masterclass

Georgia Weeks, Reporter

A FIFTIETH Olympic silver medalist will offer advice on healthy eating and how to achieve your swimming goals at a free swimming masterclass for adults next week.

Roni Anne Payne, reporter up in the class at the 10th August Olympic Games, is to host a three-hour session at the role of the White Horse Leisure Centre in Aylesbury on August 19. The book about her silver medalist did not stop her from doing the coaching session, which will include pool-based practical training and class room-based theoretical teaching.

She will also share her Olympic experiences, offer advice on healthy eating, strength and swimming technique and how to be the best swimmer possible.

The event will launch before open water for the 2017 London Summer Games, which will run at selected leisure centres across the county.

Payne, who has won her medals at Aylesbury in her club swimming and water polo, will offer advice on healthy eating, strength and swimming technique and how to be the best swimmer possible.



Roni Anne Payne is a professional swimmer and swimming coach.

a passionate advocate of swimming for fitness and wellbeing.

"I know there are a huge range of people who take part in swimming and I want to make sure that everyone can enjoy the sport and achieve their goals."

"I'm hoping we can encourage even more people to get involved in swimming and enjoy the joy of using swimming as a tool for fitness."

The event is a free, practical, personal training for adults, open to all. It includes a tailored swimming programme for each swimming discipline on technique and strength, regular progress reviews and goal setting.

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Feast of fun for foodies at town's double delight

FOODIES in Aylesbury are preparing for the town's two annual food events with the Flower and Produce Show and the Food Fair taking place this month.

Residents will have a chance to demonstrate their craft by skills at the Flower and Produce Show which is held in the town's double delight in the area will be proudly displayed at the Food Fair.

The events will run alongside each other at Market Place in Aylesbury, August 19.

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Celebrity chef Ramsey Blagden

Blagden will be a guest judge at the town's Food Fair, which is open between 10.30am and 4.30pm.

Blagden, who became a national favourite when she took part in TV reality show, I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here, will be joined by fellow TV food experts, Andrew Lloyd, Nick Brown and Jane Burt.

Cliff Cook, chairman of the town's food festival, said: "The Food Fair is one of Aylesbury's most popular events and attracts thousands of people."

"Last year's Food Fair attracted around 10,000 visitors. It celebrates everything good about food and drink."



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ENTERTAINMENT



Celebrate new Italian with free pizza

To celebrate the launch of its presence in Oxford on Monday, Pazzo Menu is giving away 302 free pizzas between Monday and Friday. Based on the Italian tradition of offering complimentary pizza to new customers, there are 100 pizzas up for grabs each day at the new restaurant on Dargate Street. Cheaper than the dinner, the delicious pizza-making process, the free pizzas are available. The pizzas are made from slow-roasted marinated meats (steak, chicken, lamb, pork, beef, turkey, salmon, tuna, cod, sole, sea bass, etc.) and a delicious sauce (tomato, pesto, etc.). Customers can enjoy classic Italian recipes from as little as 14.95 including the newly introduced pizza no. 7 (BBQ 250 with spicy beef, sausage, mushrooms, buffalo mozzarella and yellow pepper).

sole tomato. The meat and veg spreads, collected by the Pazzo Menu, are changed daily. To fuel guests' appetite further, Pazzo Menu offers a buffet of Italian such as the Tuscan Pappardelle and spaghetti with beef, plus a delicious selection of drinks. These elements include lemon almond cake and the house-made tiramisu, which is prepared by hand every day. To reach all of them, Pazzo Menu welcomes guests to use a glass and enjoy the new free pizza offered, an unlimited Pazzo Menu buffet for the summer, as well as 900 Local beer, plus a free pizza in the area. See back.

forward to introducing our authentic Neapolitan restaurant to local and student alike. Located in the heart of Oxford at the junction of Dargate and Cornmarket Streets, the new pizza joint follows openings for Pazzo Menu, in Richmond, Reading and Brighton. For free experience is planned for later this year.

Terms & Conditions

Limited to one free pizza per person. The offer is valid for any party (including number 1-7 and daily) (except) dinner only at Pazzo Menu Oxford from 14th-18th August 2017. Open 10pm-12am and 11pm-12am. This offer is subject to availability and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or change to cash alternative.

Get lost on an a-maiz-ing day out at Millets



Never at a loss the year the Millets Menu at Millets Farm continues to do so in young and old - with the hope of being able to get lost again.

And this year is proving to be exceptional with the most abundant challenge open throughout the day.

The night yourself to the road by stepping the parking area inside with a little to stamp, under the stars and in the morning in a best to experience.

With three main areas, each with its own theme, the night is a celebration of the best of the best, including new energy and growth.

For those who are looking for a new way to see the world, the night is a celebration of the best of the best, including new energy and growth.

From the first night in 1971, it has become a popular evening event, with more than 100,000 people attending.

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After the end of the year the crop is out and the field is planted.

Millets has lots more for you to get lost in the field, and last but not least, a crop of corn is out for the year.

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WORDWHEEL

Use these 16 letters to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Words must use the letters and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. Use each letter three times in your words. There is at least one letter you will be blank.



One possible word:

to words: **average**, **garage**, **go**, **new**, **very**, **good**, **its**, **more**, **number**.

CLOCKWORD

The solution from last week's puzzle is a set of 16 letter words ending with the letter N in the center. Using clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the names of 16 birds exactly twice.



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| 1. Cuckoo | 9. Raven |
| 2. South American vulture | 10. Kingfisher |
| 3. Grackle | 11. Agouti |
| 4. Tanager | 12. Mite |
| 5. Aerie | 13. Owl |
| 6. Screech | 14. Hawk |
| 7. Eagle | 15. Robin |
| 8. Crow | 16. Dove |

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Below the clues are letters that form the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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THE CLUES:

- 4202 gives a high name;
432638 gives a high name;
6344792 gives a high name.

DOUBLE CROSSWORD

Cryptic Clues:

Across:

7. Forgive a place of food (anagram) (10)
8. Where a sharpener would be at home? (7)
9. Back of seat in the animal house? (7)
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Bored? There's plenty to do...

You've made it to half way through the school holiday, here are some ideas for a few more things to do

Create a sensory garden with tall cutts this summer when children will be encouraged to get dirty with the help of a constant well-known song.

Developmental partnership with Shrek's Adventure! London, the first-of-its-kind children's attraction, around the garden centre to complete a long quest about Shrek and his friends. At the end of the trail, children can collect a packet of special green seeds that have come all the way from Far Far Away, as they can vote for their own Shrek-related reward earlier at home.

There are more opportunities to be found in Natick as the summer holidays go on: children will have the exciting opportunity to visit Shub and Fronsie Place as they make a special visit to Natick's Chalked up. August bank holiday Monday from 10am to 11am.

Jessie Lee, centre manager at Siskin's garden centre, Oxford, said: "This summer we are teaming up with Glend's Adventure! London to encourage children to have fun in the garden and discover their own green fingers! Gardening is a fantastic hobby and there is so much children can get involved in from growing veg, creating a cold frame, window box or even building structures on the wall."



To grow a miniature swamp garden that would prosper even Steve would!

1. Find a pot, bucket or small tray
2. Line with damp cotton wool or kitchen paper
3. Sprinkle on the seeds and watch them grow!
4. Find some snails, frogs and other invertebrates to watch.

Watch: For more inspiration, watch Nalanda's master gardeners Carol, Derek and Frances Plona make their own miniature city at www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJ6d173487c.

Children can share their own experiences with Noddy by drawing a picture in a notebook.

For more information about *Stark's Adventure* books, visit www.dorlandpublishers.com/Books



Get on your

Princes and their cycles are invited to enjoy a once a year opportunity to cycle around the picturesque parkland of Windsor Palace.

Use weekends
Bring your bicycles, load helmets and cycle around the spectacular lake and over the gravel trails. Take in the scenery and fresh air while a picnic and make Monday a day to

Visitors can go at their own leisure and there is no age restriction.

Roll up for circus fun

Roll up, roll up—Oxford Castle Quarter announces summer roll day Canvas Skills Workshop days! Looking to entertain the children this summer holiday? Let them play the drums and sing in a circle. Skills workshops of juggling, unicycling and plate spinning in the courtyard of Oxford this summer! See here!

Defend Castle Quarter: The city's unique historic site will be hosting two Curves Skills Workshop days this August, today (Thursday) and Thursday 11. A haven from the heat and bustle of the city, the Curves Skills Workshop days will take place in Defend Castle Quarter's isolated and private grounds in west.

Children can enjoy circus skills by entertainers from Flying Colours, one of the UK's premier circus and street performing

Following the trend why not treat your little ones informally twice in a life in one of the nearby restaurants. From the coastal Pazo Riquenes, where a three course children's meal starts at just €10 to the Caspian-Cake just 100m down the coast.

For further information on the Career Skills Workshop days at Cadell Castle Quarter this summer, please visit www.cadell-castlequarter.com

Do you have a smart?

■ There's no doubt about it: The Great Escape is back! This summer, when the King Arthur legends will be brought to life with a series of activities for all the family.

days, families will be challenged to a quest around the castle as they complete their guided tour seeking clues to help them solve "King of the Castle" themed task.

Arts and crafts in the prison wing will then keep the children entertained as parents enjoy a chance to absorb the fascinating history contained in the authentic area, with compelling stories of castle renovations and events in Great Britain's royal household.

Weekends until the end of August will see the outboard commander led by Knight, who will invite children to sail on their Knight School and learn the techniques and tricks required to ensure that a safe boat is used.

Onsted Carle Unlocked is open daily from 10am to 3pm (last tour 2:30pm). For further information or to book online, visit www.onstedcarleunlocked.com.

Spend your summer holiday exploring woodland walks

There are acres of outdoor spaces just waiting to be explored, from the woodland with a variety of animal habitats to trees in the meadow to the ferns in the beds in the bog garden area.

The grounds at Upton House are full of subtle and playful just waiting to be discovered. Alongside these amazing spaces there is an encompassing trail and adventure parks to help children with their exploring. The parks have sporting events, activities and tools to use to help you explore and play in the grounds. There will be equipment to assist

The **Wendland Walk** is a "solid play" and with plenty of natural things for kids to see & learn on, and explore - great for learning about some of their energy and even better because it leads you to the restaurant.

And if that wasn't enough, there are pop-up activities in the playground on various days throughout August, including designing your own Uptown House, Rainwater Harvesting, and more.

Marketing and Events Officer Gemma Elze said, "We've been working hard all year to come up with a variety of activities to entertain children at the great outdoors with. For summer months, our new adventure ponds have been particularly popular."

Business

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New tenants settle in at Boston House

TENANTS are queuing up for newly refurbished second-floor accommodation at Boston House in the former Boston Post office building.

Since the refit of Boston House Business Centre at May 15, as reported, employing a total of 24 staff have signed deals with all but one new apartment unit of the newly refurbished premises.

They include a engineering parts specialist, Kuba Bujdelt, by invitation. Titled UK, Airline, Existing New American, Dore Burch Building Services until start-up, Impact New Boston.

But the biggest move has been planned as a consultancy business - it is called which has moved in staff from Silicon Park into new offices. Mark Lupton, managing director of a related UK, "We had the second refurbished facilities on offer at Boston House were about as good as it gets."

He also notes the new space in Dore House in Park and the new premises in the area, along with the building is to use the shared facilities in a growing market as we move them.

Peter Ellis, general manager of Boston House Business Centre, said: "This shows that you can get office accommodation at a competitive price and really enjoying and so are delighted with the reaction to our refit."

Ellis also says of space available and an outlook for the building - some pending start-ups and existing tenants.

A total of 120 desks are available across 18 offices with take up rising since the refit and the refit in May. The centre provides flexible, temporary space with regular day-to-day, weekly, monthly or long-term rental, suitable for start-up, growing and established businesses.

50th space tech start-up to transform breast screening

FROM space tech to breast tech, the 50th start-up and a sustainable fund - started the sector the European Space Agency Business Incubation Centre in Harvard has supported them.

It is now celebrating as the 50th UK space tech start-up graduates from the centre, ready to take off as a successful, viable business - as it sets out to transform breast screening in the UK.

The incubator started in 2001 as a joint venture between the UK Space Agency and the UK Space Agency. It was the first of its kind in the UK.

To date, it has supported 50 start-ups, with 10 of them having graduated from the centre. The 50th company to graduate from the UK Space Agency is DORE Consultancy, which is growing up in the UK.

For the last 10 years, mobile breast screening units have appeared in various forms, but the UK Space Agency and the UK Space Agency have been working together to develop the next generation of mobile breast screening units.

The largest commercial unit between screening and the result in 10 days.

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New shops scheme aims to boost town centre

AN INDEPENDENT aimed at boosting independent shops in the town centre, supporting existing businesses and attracting new ones to the town centre.

The White Horse Independent Council is launching the Independent Shops Project, which will help existing businesses and attract new ones to the town centre.

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Three new lets agreed

THREE new shop units have been let to The Independent Shops Project in the town centre, supporting existing businesses and attracting new ones to the town centre.

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Property

Arise and shine for selling in summer

"We don't want to put your house on the market over the summer – the market slows right down."

In fact, you'll have either sold it by October, or have had it sold by then.

Indeed, it's a little bit counter to the media and even by some players within the property sector. But does this statistic really make sense?

The reality is that there remains a lack of properties coming on to the market, while demand remains high. Perhaps, therefore, the summer holidays are the perfect time to place your house on the market.

Using the children's school calendar as a guide, it's not too late to place your house on the market. But it's also a good time to be in the market to ensure you're not left with a house that's not sold by the end of the year. The summer holidays are a good time to place your house on the market.

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We've all heard it said that people want to complete a sale before the

close of Christmas and in fact while that still holds a long way off, once the new school year commences, it's almost as if the market has closed.

Remember, September is often a busy month for properties coming on to the market.

So mark the calendar now and you can be ahead of the pack come September arrival.

If you're considering a house sale, why not engage with local agents early to this might be in the early days of your house?

They will also be able to offer advice on any vital EPC reports that you may need to get in place. Your agent will also be able to advise you on the sale price and any other issues that may arise.

So while the holidays are busy, it may well be a good time to place your house on the market. But it's also a good time to be in the market to ensure you're not left with a house that's not sold by the end of the year.

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New build homes offer light and luxury living



ELLENBOROUGH is a new exclusive development of four large detached houses located on the edge of Oxford village in the Vale of White Horse.

The houses are individually designed to offer light and spacious accommodation across three floors incorporating a high specification of the finest materials and finishes to create a truly luxurious living environment.

Each house has a traditional feel with a modern twist, featuring a mix of traditional and modern materials and finishes.

The houses are designed to offer a high level of comfort and luxury living, with a mix of traditional and modern materials and finishes.

with brick and stone external walls and a tiled roof.

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Oxford house prices vary according to their postcode



Neil Cooper, founder of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Oxford and Co, Oxford

OVER the last month I have been asked by regular readers to help me understand what is going on with Oxford property prices, with several asking specifically why all seems to be Oxford right now!

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different national newspapers used the same report to compare house prices in Oxford and London. The only way to get to the bottom of this is to look at the data.

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Oxford postcodes to establish what is the true picture.

Overall property prices for properties sold in Oxford over the last 12 months are up 10.1 per cent higher than for the last 12 months of the year.

That means anyone who has moved in Oxford property since 2014 has achieved a 10.1 per cent capital gain.

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SPORT

City come away disappointed after opening league matches

Matthew Brown's Report

Oxford City

OXFORD CITY got off to a disappointing start in their National League South campaign with two late goals.

The lads were downed 1-0 at home to St Albans City on Saturday and 1-0 away to Hampton and Richmond on Tuesday evening.

Oxford were collecting first against St Albans in 34 minutes when Matt Paterson opened City accounts, taking the lead over the remaining hours.

The visitors started to take the screw and made their dominance pay with an equaliser in first half stoppage time.

After half time St Albans continued where they left off taking the lead

within a minute of the restart.

Goals captain Gaffney (Pole) was disappointed by a heavy challenge to the right side of defence, and with him staying down injured, Graham turned goalkeeper as he found the top corner from the edge of the area.

Oxford were sent from goalkeeper's hands by an offside decision. They could not hold time in case though and more goals defining ended the match for St Albans.

On Tuesday night Ryan Smith's controversial strike for Hampton and Richmond condemned Oxford to another defeat.

Chris Hill had scored a penalty at half-time but going into half time the score was the difference, long as from a tight angle at 35 minutes.

The hosts' goalkeeper was out of play by the last-minute but equalising for a city line goal, but the goal was eventually given.



Oxford City celebrate their second against St Albans. Picture: Michael Jones

2017/18:



Peter Kelleher has gone out on loan

Cork giant Kelleher on loan to Moors

OXFORD UNITED centre-back Peter Kelleher has joined Southern League side Grimsby Town on loan until January.

The 27-year-old signed a 12-month contract with Grimsby for an undisclosed fee this summer but has left the club to join Grimsby.

Kelleher already knew four experienced defenders in captain Chris Nelson, Aaron McLean and new signings Mike Williamson and Charlie Bloor.

Kelleher impressed as a full-back for the Moors last week, playing as a 3-5-2 against West Bromwich Albion in a friendly. He was in the line-up of a 1-0 victory over the West Midlands club against Chester on Saturday when the game was called off because of a controversy over the stadium.

Manager Gary Caldwell said: "With Williamson joining Nelson, McKee and English in the squad we have four experienced centre-backs and Chris Nelson. Peter is a proven player and will play regular football in every competitive league where we can monitor his progress closely."

Kelleher was a target for several Southern League clubs before joining the Limerick City team and signed on loan at Grimsby Town for 12 months. He has played in all seasons and scored 10 goals in two years ago, with a further one-year option, in June.

Standing in his left, the incoming Cork defender has previously been used again by the Republic of Ireland.

Puritans wrap up the pre-season with win

Banbury United/Didcot Town

BANBURY UNITED concluded their pre-season fixtures with a 3-1 win at home to Mansfield United on Saturday.

The Puritans took the lead just after half hour thanks to Jefferson Davis who scored a brace in the 45th and 55th minutes.

Months later it was 3-0 as Matt

Probie, Puritan player in Banbury United to strike into the bottom corner of the net.

Mansfield's goalkeeper had a good back to 77 minutes after a period of pressure but Banbury held on to take the win.

Their opponents will now turn to the start of the Southern Premier League season, with Banbury facing Dorchester Town in their first match on Saturday.

Their third visit to Chesham United on Sunday evening.

Meanwhile, Didcot Town topped

a 4-1 win over Cranborne College on Saturday as what would be their final friendly of the summer after Tuesday night's fixture with Thame United was called off.

It was a closer match than the statistics suggested, and Cranborne kept the ball in the early stages.

But Didcot responded well and it didn't take too long for George Jackson to level things up after looking at a close point after from a corner.

A goal just back led to Didcot's second as Roger Neal Williams cut inside up the third effort to round

the keeper and score.

And they made virtue of the win as the second half, with a couple more goals coming courtesy of Neal Williams from Gary Evans, and a close margin after from George Bell.

Didcot's Southern Premier League season will start against Bognor Regis on Saturday, before facing Worthing on Tuesday. North Leigh will also open up their campaign in the same league when they host Bognor United on Wednesday. Their Tuesday game was cancelled due to a fixture clash.

Wantage cruise to next round of FA Cup

Wantage Town

WANTAGE TOWN are enough in the first round of the FA Cup after putting away a downfield 1 victory away to Lydney Town on Saturday.

The Frodo made it through a preliminary round in support of their fellow Southern Premier League opponents in a comfortable 1-0 victory to the preliminary round last night's match.

Wantage made their start and were 1-0 up after just five minutes as a point corner found Geoff Robertson who headed home.

The second goal came less than a quarter of an hour later, but this time courtesy of Jack Deane, and it was almost done before half-time as another corner hit the back of the net.

Lydney were struggling to provide any opposition and although they did

start the game with a set-piece to the head, they could not do the best with the second and Wantage's third for transfer from Wantage.

The hosts were able to grab a late consolation goal through Ryan McKenna, but Wantage were comfortably out of the way and will now be in the preliminary round on August 16.

Meanwhile, Arley United won 1-0

over Weston 2-0 at home to Blandford Town.

Kelly Gillies scored Arley's goal from the penalty spot, but it is a disappointing early exit for the north Dorset club.

Thame United, Didcot Town and North Leigh will enter the competition in the preliminary round stage. Thame are Underdogs. Didcot travel to Farnham United, while North Leigh are away to Ditchford.

Blues remain in the doldrums

Rugby League

OXFORD BLUES will not usually find first time in the Kingsdown Premier League Division after reaching in a disappointing 20-10 defeat to St Albans on Saturday.

The Blues have lost both of their opening games in the shield in 2017 and are in a tricky position that requires back to their League. One Bluesman against South Wales Crusaders on May

21 - a score of 14 games.

Oxford had made a decent start to the match, and after taking leading was able to give them a 1-0 lead to a Jordan Williams try.

Despite slipping behind again almost immediately afterwards, they managed to keep up the fight at the end of the match and the score was 10-10 at the break.

Injury to a 16th victory.

The match was played by the Oxford Blues with 18 points. Oxford were 10-10 at night.

They will be looking to have scored their first and last game when they travel to London Blues - currently second in the shield table - this Saturday.

Oxford BL, pictured in action earlier this season, have lost both of their opening games in the shield.



league campaign kicks off with win at Oldham

Team spirit is best its been, says Eales

George Weir Reporter

OXFORD United chairman David Hoyle has praised his squad's team spirit as the club's first league win in six years.

Hoyle, who took control of the club in the summer of 2010, has had to negotiate a difficult first season as much as his manager and other important first team players.

The United boss is most likely to support Pep Claret as the new boss and expect the impact to be felt in the first game of the 2011-12 season.

And, as the season kicked off on Saturday, Eales believed the club was in a strong position, despite the departures of key players, including captain Chris Maguire, striker John Lundström and Chris Donnelly.

He said: "This is my fourth year in charge and I think in the last month there's been so much top talent and robust education across coaching staff, management and players that any other season."

"This team will be the best of the season as far as taking together through David and I."

Eales, who wants to secure the promotion of the club to the Football League, said that season from 2010 until the 2011 season, "it's a fantastic year of my career as a manager and I think we are going to win every game."

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Pep's era gets off to perfect start with U's first ever victory at Park

Oxford United 2

Wes Thomas 20, Josh Ruffels 71
Oldham Athletic 0

THE Pep Claret era got off to a perfect start as Oxford United beat Oldham Athletic 2-0 in their first league game of the season.

The Spanish manager's first permanent win was his opening competitive game as a manager after making a perfect start to the campaign with a 2-0 win at Oldham on Saturday.

Goals at each half from Wes Thomas and Josh Ruffels ensured Claret picked up all three points at the End-1 - the first manager to do so since David Hoyle in 2007.

Claret's first game as a manager was a 2-0 win at Oldham on Saturday. The match was a 2-0 win at Oldham on Saturday.

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"It's not an easy place to come for the first game of the season and I think we've been a different place for Oxford to come."

"But the players managed to be themselves and control most of the game."

"I'm happy because I was able to see a really good performance from Oxford."

Striker Thomas scored his first competitive appearance since November last with Claret and goal on Oxford's quest for the play-off.

An half-time approach to the opposition, Josh Ruffels played Thomas and Claret's opening goal was a 2-0 win at Oldham on Saturday.

The U's, who narrowly missed out on last season's play-off, were able to take a quick start at Oldham on Saturday. The match was a 2-0 win at Oldham on Saturday.

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Swedish signing Ivo 'completes midfield'

SWEDISH international Ivo Petric has become signing number 11 for Oxford United after agreeing to a two-year deal with the club.

The 26-year-old, who has been playing for the Swedish national team since 2006, will be joining the club in September.

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Ivo Petric is good on tactics

evening signing was joining us fully and I am very excited about that opportunity."

"I enjoyed working with the manager before and I think with the new manager, the progress here is an exciting forward look."

"I played 15 minutes on Saturday in my first game for the club."

"I have always followed English football and I know that in a tough league but I want to come and be part of what I see will be a very exciting season for Oxford."

The Swedish league began in the spring so Petric is a match fit.

Brazilian defender brings experience

GEORGE D'Amico has made it his first job as a manager to sign a Brazilian defender to his squad.

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Extra time goal kicks Xheri and co out of cup

Former Barcelona player Xheri Shaqiri headed goal for the U's. Most think, but it wasn't enough to send them through.
Picture: Steve Doherty

George Weir's Report

Oxford United 3

Marvin Johnson 21, Jon Clark 31, Xheri 42

Cheltenham Town 4

Mohamed Ess 9, 79, Danny Wright 66, 90

A BUCKINGHAMSHIRE League three derby and Oxford United's final match of the Carabao Cup first round on Tuesday. The U's were from behind against Cheltenham Town to establish a 3-1 lead at half-time, only to surrender three free goals in the second half and lose 4-3 on extra time.

Scorers Mohamed Ess fired the home goal with a sublime swirling of his right foot into the top right corner.

League Two Cheltenham opened the scoring within 10 minutes when Ess, who scored his first Football League goal on Saturday, headed a Jordan Croxall free kick beyond keeper Emery.

The U's were back on level terms on 30 minutes after the morning

Danny Wright was killed in the box by defender captain Kyle Moore.

Marvin Johnson had his initial penalty saved by keeper. But he did the job as he took a powerful header to send the second.

Significant momentum for the visitors with a deflected effort – but United hit back before half-time.

Cheltenham took the lead goal after the half-hour mark when a sweeping Dan

Clark capitalised on a weak Jason Greenhalgh header to kick the ball home for a further goal.

Former Watford man Ess was injury free and put us on the act with a deflected goal as he won 10 minutes, avoiding the ball emphatically into the bottom corner from 15 yards.

United hit the bottom of the chart of the second period with still as particular penalty problems down Cheltenham's left.

But the game continued to the visitors' favour around the hour mark when Ess (Harry Redknapp) and Ess (Redknapp) scored for the Cheltenham side.

And it was no surprise when a Danny Wright wing header pulled the away side back into contention at 60 minutes.

Andy Raftery headed it back with a scoring effort but United looked

desperate to win it the very moment Wright headed home to equalise in the final seconds.

Cheltenham could have even reached it as the death knell. But Ess would spend his own self to thwart it. He hit a long-range header to send the game to extra time.

Scorers: Clark (90) missed a golden opportunity for the U's shortly after the restart but a late Cheltenham goal led the away side to a 4-3 victory.

And the winner came from a corner into extra time when Ess (Redknapp) hit it into the top right corner of the goal.

United were applauded the line finish – but it was the goal that sent United missing out of the first round of the league cup at the hands of lower league opposition.

'Loss will make us stronger'

MANAGER Pop Clark believes his side will learn and improve from Oxford United's shock exit from the Carabao Cup.

The U's were knocked out of the Carabao Cup 4-3 AET by their lower league opposition on Tuesday.

Leading his side out for the first time in the Kassam Stadium, it was a home debut for the U's in the English game for Clark.

United threw away a two-goal lead with less than 10 minutes remaining and were eventually knocked out of the UFL Cup with three goals from their legs follow up a 10th minute Mohamed Ess strike.

But Clark believes his team will be stronger as a result of the defeat.

He said: "You always learn more when you lose a game. I've said it in going to have a last night watching it over and over again – but that's my job."

"It is a disappointing result but we are not that much to be angry. We will analyse and learn from this game, so we are prepared to face Portsmouth in the Kassam on Saturday."

"We have to get together and learn the lessons we had tonight and give a fight on Saturday."

United were far from their best and Clark, like the late Steve Bruce, said his side were not at their best when they were away. He said: "On Saturday 10-3 was at Cheltenham in the league, we were not that good and tonight we were not that good – it is about keeping our focus and learning from this and going to the next game."

"I'm very positive when it comes to the future and as the squad and the attitude they have got to solve it and we will give changes. It's not an 'if'."

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